

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SHB 1101

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Concerning state general obligation bonds and related accounts.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representative Tharinger; by request of Office of Financial Management).

**House Committee on Capital Budget**  
**Senate Committee on Ways & Means**

### **Background:**

The State Finance Committee (Committee), composed of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the State Treasurer, is responsible for supervising and controlling the issuance of all state bonds. The Committee periodically issues general obligation bonds to finance projects authorized in the capital budget. No bonds may be authorized for sale without prior legislative appropriation of the net proceeds.

General obligation bonds pledge the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the state towards payment of debt service. Funding to pay for principal and interest on those bonds is appropriated from the State General Fund in the operating budget. When debt service payments are due, the State Treasurer withdraws the amounts necessary to make the payments and deposits them into bond retirement funds.

A bond bill authorizes the Committee to issue general obligation bonds up to a specific amount to finance many of the projects in the capital budget. It specifies the amount of bonds to be issued, the account or accounts into which bond sale proceeds are to be deposited, and identifies sources and timing of debt service payments. Legislation authorizing the issuance of bonds requires a 60 percent majority vote in both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

### **Summary:**

The Committee is authorized to issue up to \$3.2 billion in state general obligation bonds to finance projects in the 2017 and 2019 fiscal biennia and to pay expenses incurred in the issuance and sale of the bonds. Proceeds from the sale of the bonds must be deposited into the State Building Construction Account. The State Treasurer is required to withdraw from

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general state revenues the amounts necessary to make the principal and interest payments on the bonds and must deposit these amounts into the Debt Limit General Fund Bond Retirement Account.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	94	0	
Senate	48	0	(Senate amended)
House	97	1	(House concurred)

**Effective:** May 21, 2019